

TAB C.

PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS PROCUREMENT

1. The Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications noted the transfer of functions and discussed the following problems:

a. The collection system is inadequate for the procurement of foreign publications. The effectiveness of the entire procurement program depends to a large extent on a strong PPO system. This problem, although intimately related to FPB, is left for subsequent consideration as part of the general problem of support for the Foreign Service.

b. Non-IAC agencies make demands on the publications procurement system of the Foreign Service. Such demands often deny or delay the use of publications for intelligence purposes. This problem has long plagued the State Department, and must be met by CIA.

c. Unique copies. In many cases, hard-to-get items can be obtained in only one copy. This copy or photoreproductions thereof must be made available to all interested IAC agencies, even though it may have been obtained originally at request of a non-IAC agency.

d. Coordination of FPB and PPO functions with the activities of Service Attachés. There has been a virtually complete lack of such coordination in the past. Under provisions of NSCID-16 and as recommended in the 8 May staff study, this coordination will be a CIA responsibility. The members felt that this new organization could provide the machinery for more effective cooperation both in Washington and in the field.

2. The Advisory Committee endorsed the idea generally and encouraged CIA to work towards solutions to these problems.

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